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assembly in disk drive.

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 17 MAY 2007

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on 05/17/2007 for the aboveidentified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.